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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

REF: A. STATE 233091; B. MOSCOW 15454

1. NAER, OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GOSSTANDART, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOSSTANDART IS ONLY PREPARED TO RECEIVE FIVE-MAN USDEL RATHER THAN TEN MEMBERS AS PROPOSED REF A. EMBOFF PROTESTED THAT REDUCTION IN SIZE OF USDEL WOULD DIMINISH USEFULNESS OF VISIT AND REQUESTED RECONSIDERATION ON SIZE. REASON FOR LIMITING DELEGATION SIZE REMAINS UNCLEAR. NAER ALLUDED TO FACT THAT SOVDEL WHICH VISITED THE US CONTAINED ONLY FIVE MEMBERS AND ADDED THAT TEN-MAN DELEGATION WOULD CREATE VARIOUS DIFFICULT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS FOR THE SOVIET SIDE.

2. EMBASSY HAS RAISED MATTER DIRECTLY WITH KUVSHINNIKOV OF HYDROMET REQUESTING HIS INTERCESSION WITH GOSSTANDART NOTING THAT IF THIS QUESTION NOT RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY

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SOON WE WOULD SUSPECT THAT THE USDEL MIGHT WELL RE-

CONSIDER UTILITY FOR MAKING VISIT. KUVSHINNIKOV
EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE SIZE OF THE USDEL WAS NOT
IMPORTANT AND THAT TEN MEMBERS SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY
PROBLEM. WE ARE STILL AWAITING OUTCOME OF KUVSHINNIKOV'S
ACTION AND WILL REPORT ASAP.

3. PLEASE ADVISE REACTION OF USDEL TO ABOVE.

4. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED COPY OF PROGRAM FOR VISIT
WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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